

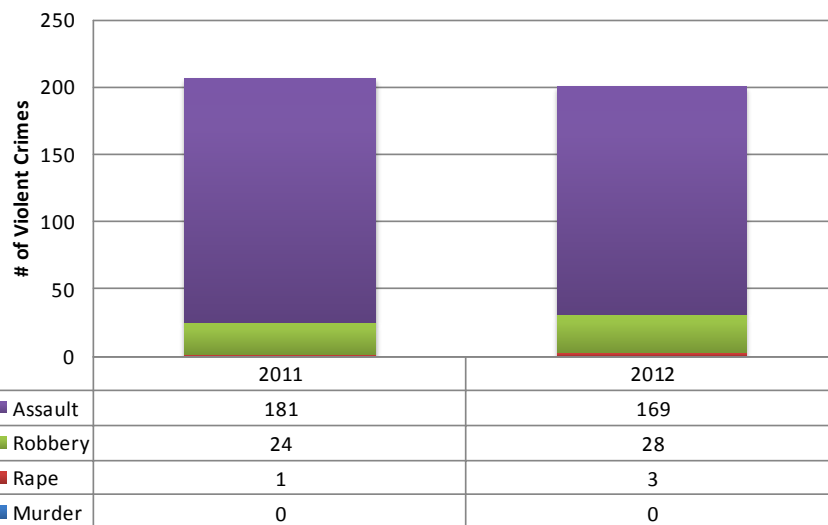
## YEAR END REVIEW OF 2012 PART A CRIMES

### BROOKLINE POLICE 2012 PART A CRIMES YEAR END REPORT CHIEF DANIEL C. O'LEARY

The following is a summary of Part A Crimes in Brookline during 2012. Part A crimes include: murder, rape, robbery, assault and battery, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

During 2012, there were a total of 977 Part A crimes in Brookline, **up 1.8%** from the 960 Part A crimes in 2011. Of the 977 crimes reported in 2012, there were 212 cases cleared by arrest, 118 cleared by court action, 59 cleared exceptionally, 8 closed by completed service, 3 closed as in-active and 3 cleared by referral, resulting in a **41% clearance** of crimes for the year.

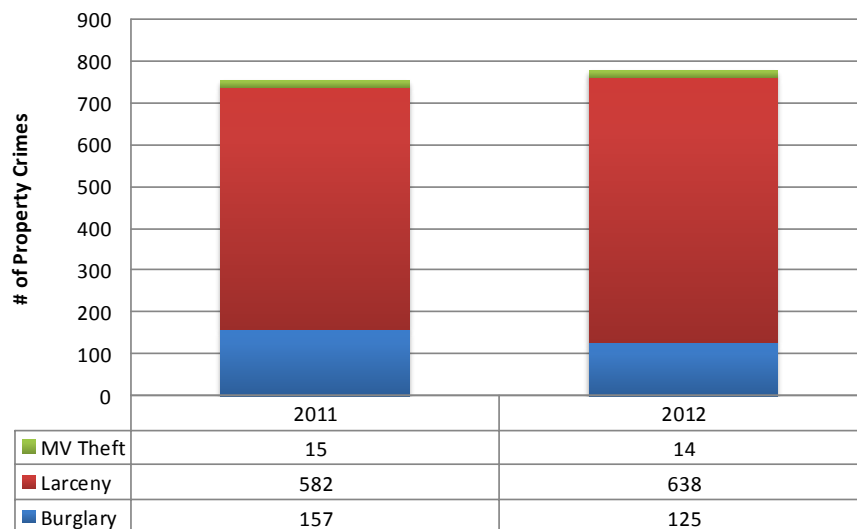
#### Violent Crime 2011 to 2012 Comparison



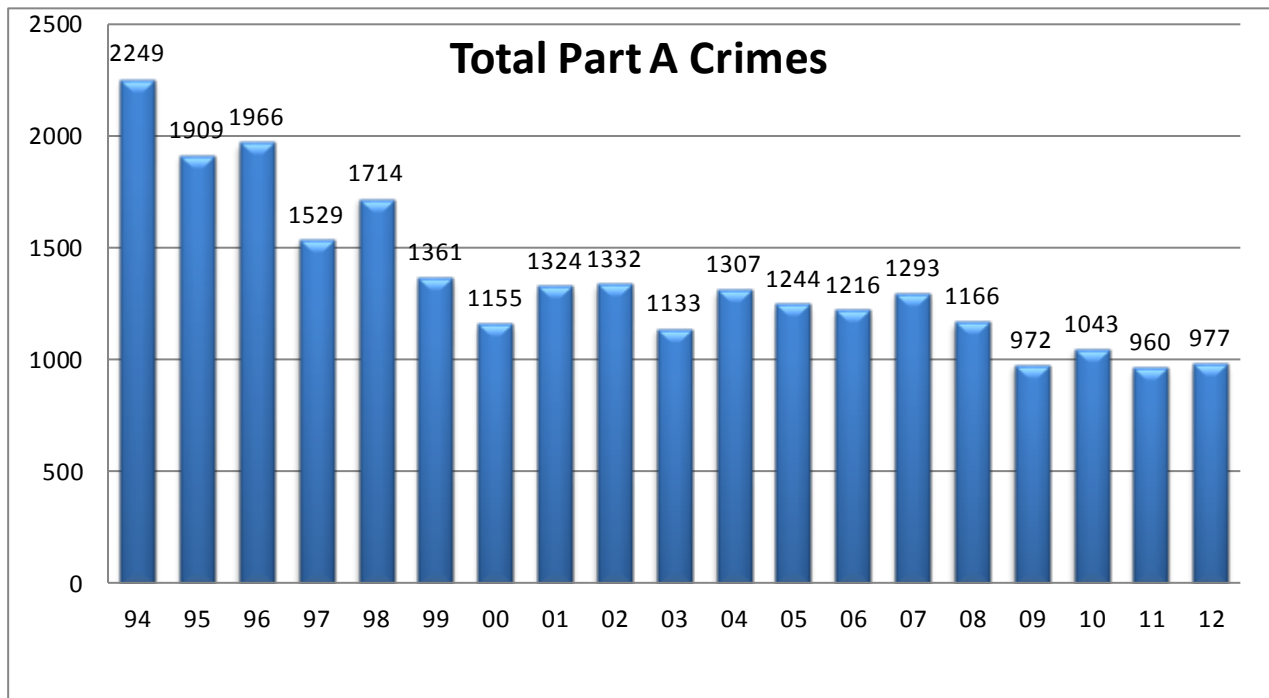
In 2012, there was a significant reduction in burglaries, which are down 20% from 2011. Motor vehicle thefts and assaults are also both down, 7% each from 2011. There were no murders in 2012. This year, there were increases in rapes (up from 1 to 3), robberies (up 17%) and larcenies (up 10%).

For 2012, violent crimes (murder, rape, robbery and assault) are **down 2.9%** with 200 this year versus 206 in 2011 and property crimes (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft) are **up 3.1%** with 777 this year versus 754 in 2011.

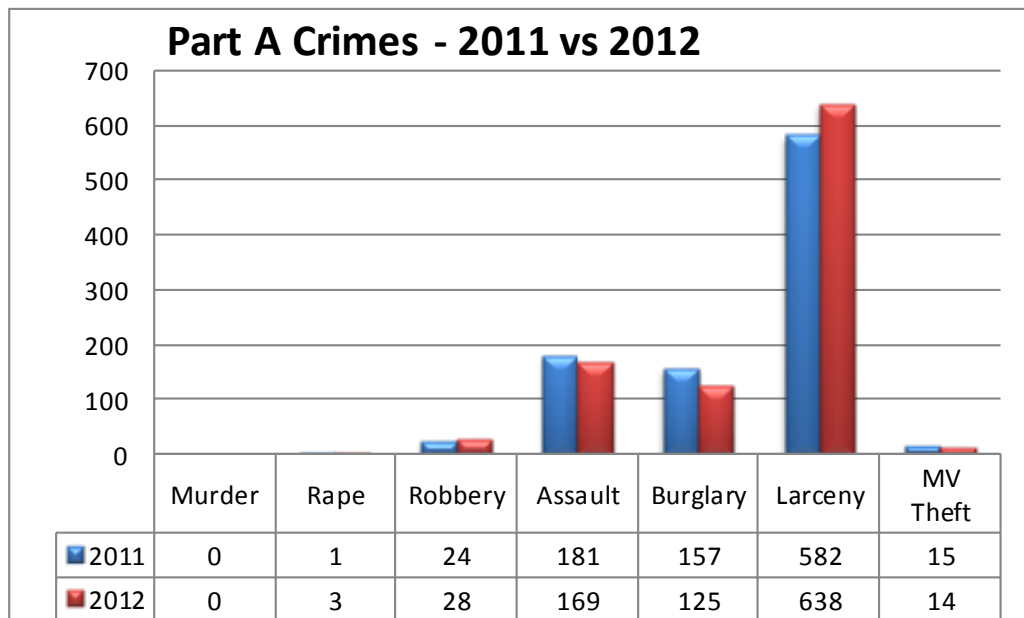
#### Property Crime 2011 to 2012 Comparison



Although total crime in Brookline has increased 1.8% this year, we continue to see the lowest levels of crime in recent history. In 2012, crime was down 57% from where it was in 1994. The following graph shows the decline in crime over the last 19 years.



The following graph shows the year-to-year comparisons for each crime category for 2011 and 2012.



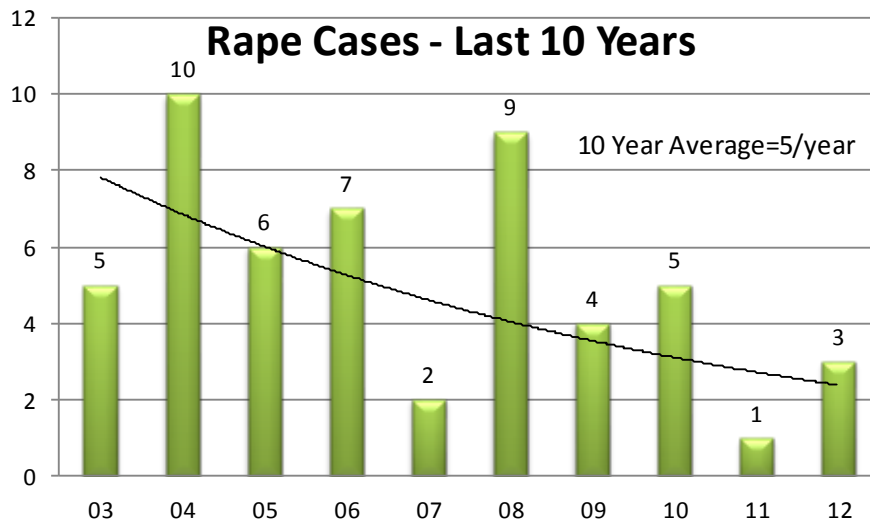
**THE FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN OF EACH PART A CRIME FOR 2012:**

**MURDER**

There were no murders in 2012. There have been no murders in Brookline since 2007.

## RAPE – UP 2

During 2012, there were three rapes reported. Two resulted in an arrest and one was referred to the District Attorney's Office. In all three cases, the parties were previously known to each other. One of the cases occurred between co-workers, one between patients in a nursing home with severe dementia and one between a couple in a dating relationship and the boyfriend's friend (two suspects arrested). There was also one attempted rape which resulted in an arrest and in this case, the parties were unknown to each other and had just met on the street. As the chart (right) shows, the ten year average of rape cases reported is 5 per year.



## ROBBERY – UP 17%

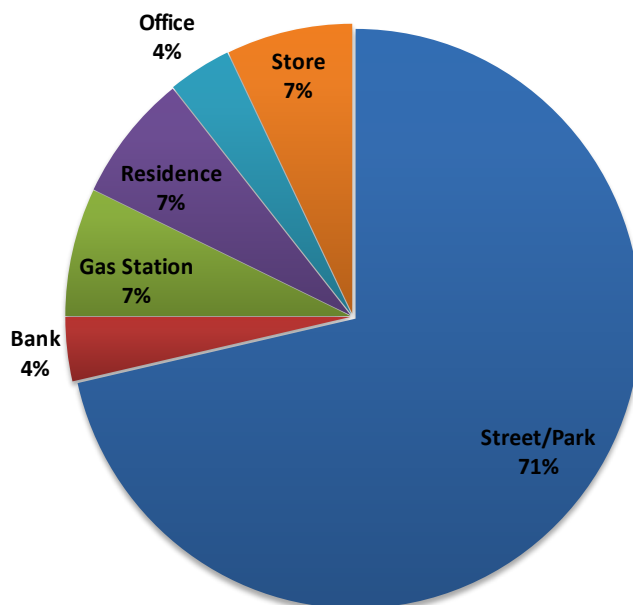
There were 28 robberies in 2012, which is up 17% from the 24 robberies reported during 2011. Of these 28 robberies, 13 resulted in an arrest, 4 in court action and 11 remain active.

In addition to the 28 robberies, there were 7 attempted robberies where a threat or assault was made but no theft.

Of the 28 robberies, 11 involved a firearm, 6 involved a knife, 1 other type of weapon (flashlight) and 10 were unarmed/strong-arm robberies.

These robberies occurred on the street/park (20), residences (2), bank (1), stores (2), service station (2) and office (1).

## 2012 Locations of Robberies



## ASSAULTS – DOWN 7%

There were a total of 169 assaults reported in 2012, down from the 181 that occurred in 2011.

Of these 169 assaults, 72% were simple assaults and 28% were aggravated assaults, involving a weapon or serious injury. 74 of the assaults (44%) were domestic violence related. Additionally, 9% (15) of our assaults occurred at one of the two mental health hospitals in Town. Of the 169 assault cases, 87 (51%) resulted in arrests, 57 (34%) resulted in court action, 1 (0.6%) is completed service, 1 (0.6%) was a referral and 23 (14%) remain active.

Additionally, there were 12 assaults of an indecent nature/sexual assaults. Of these twelve cases, two are active, seven led to arrest and three were cleared by referral. In 2012, there was also one indecent exposure and one open and gross. Both of these cases remain active.

### **BURGLARIES – DOWN 20%**

There were a total of 125 burglaries during 2012. This is down 20% from the 157 burglaries in 2011.

Of the total 125 burglaries, 111 (89%) were of residential properties and 14 (11%) were of nonresidential buildings, including offices and commercial establishments.

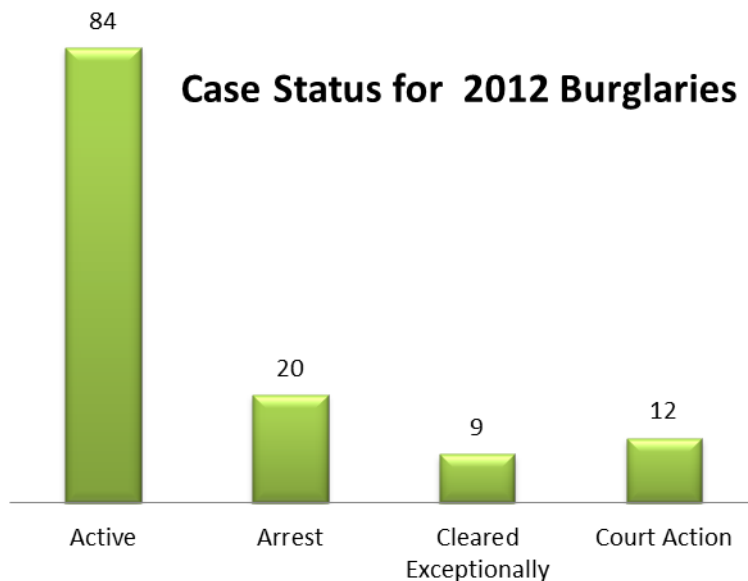
Of the total 125 burglaries, 84 (67%) cases remain active, 20 (16%) resulted in an arrest, 12 (10%) resulted in court action and 9 (7%) were cleared exceptionally.

In addition to the 125 burglaries, there were 31 attempts.

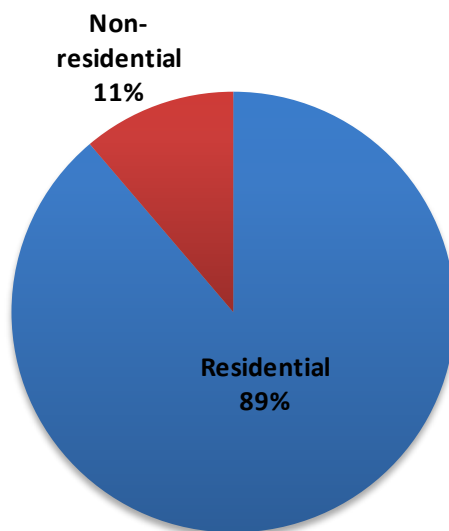
### **LARCENY – UP 10%**

There were a total of 638 larcenies in 2012, up 10% from the 582 larcenies that occurred in 2011.

Of the 638 larcenies, 447 cases remain active, 90 resulted in arrests, 41 were cleared by court action, 50 were cleared exceptionally, 3 are in-active and 7 were completed service.



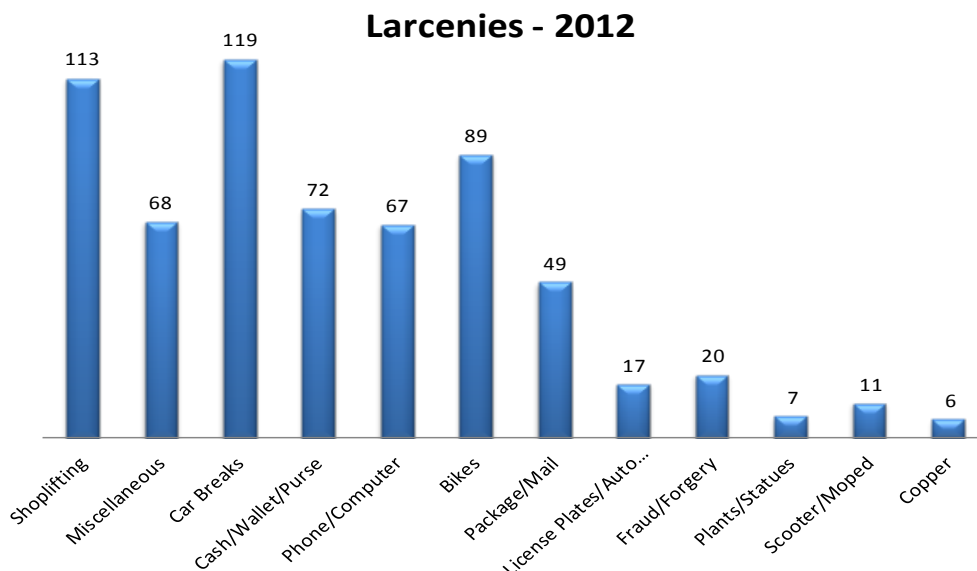
### **Type of Property Burglarized**



Of the total 638 larcenies, 119 (19%) were car breaks. GPS units were targeted in 33 of the 119 car breaks (28%), a significant decline from being the target in 58% of last year's car breaks. Loose change/cash, wallets and purses were the target in 61 of the 119 car breaks (51%).

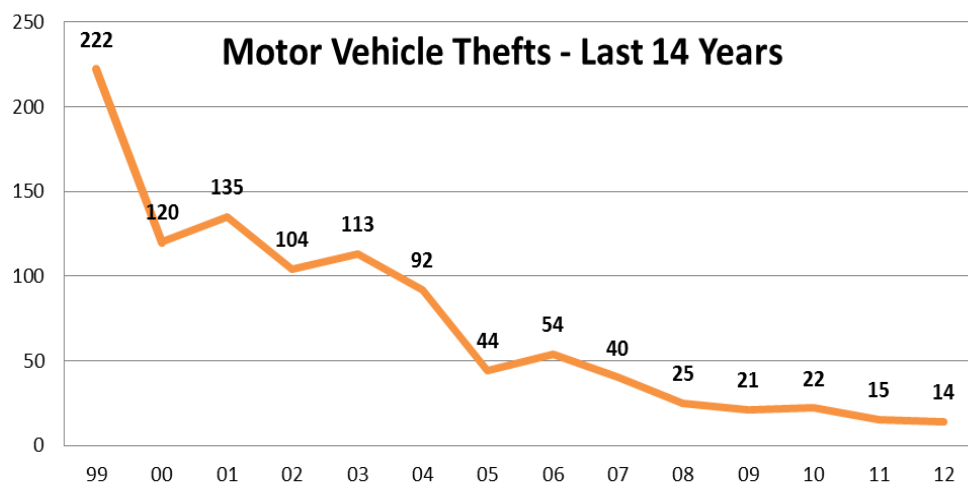
There were 89 bicycles stolen during the year (up from 70 reported stolen in 2011) as well as 49 reported thefts of mail/packages (up from 21 reported mail/package thefts in 2011).

After car breaks, shoplifting was the second most prevalent larceny with 113 (18% of total larceny category) reported in 2012. 74% (84) of shoplifting cases were cleared by arrest or court action. 24% (27) remain active and 2% (2) were cleared exceptionally and in-active.



Additionally, phones and computers made up 11% of all thefts in 2012. In fact, between larcenies and burglaries, Apple products alone accounted for a significant percentage of stolen items with 150 iPhones, iPads, iPods/touches, Nanos and Macbooks stolen in 2012.

#### MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT - DOWN 7%



There were 14 motor vehicles reported stolen in 2012, which is down 7% from the 15 reported in 2011. Nine cases remain active, four were cleared by court action and one was cleared by referral. In addition to the 14 thefts, there was one attempted theft.

Hondas were the most common make of motor vehicle stolen during this period, followed by Toyota, VW and Acura. We have also seen a recent increase in Scooter/Motorized Bike thefts (11 were reported in 2012) and those crimes are categorized as larcenies.

## POLICE ACTIVITY

- **Arrests** – During 2012, there were **916 arrests**, down 8% from the 991 arrests made in 2011. 10 of the arrestees were juveniles. There were also 21 people taken into protective custody and 9 sex offenders registered.
  - Specifically, there were 59 arrests for OUIL and/or OUID during 2012.
- **Field Interviews** – During 2012, there were **2,452 field interviews** conducted, down 1% from the 2,485 field interviews in 2011.
- **Moving Violations** – During the first 10 ½ months of 2012 (end of the year data is unavailable), there were **22,119 moving violations** issued. In 2011 (total year), there were 26,012 moving violations issued. Year to date 2012, there were 10 non-inventory motor vehicle searches conducted, representing .045% of the total stops where moving violations were issued.
- **Parking Tickets** – During 2012, there were **141,401 parking violations** issued for a total of \$4.4 million in fines and penalties. This number is up 10% from the 128,946 parking violations issued during 2011.
- **Calls for Service** – During 2012, there were **99,069 police calls** entered into the CAD system. This number includes activities such as service calls, 911 responses, self-initiated police activity, traffic enforcement and posts, prisoner processes, services of papers/warrants, admin/report writing, town building checks and community policing activities and excludes activities such as out of services and reporting on/off duty. For 2012, calls for service are up 7% from the 92,172 calls in 2011.
- **Citizen Complaints** – During 2012, there were 5 citizen complaints lodged against Brookline Police Officers for discourtesy (2), BPD policy violations, general misconduct and conspiracy to violate the CORI law. The two discourtesy complaints and conspiracy to violate the CORI law were disposed as unfounded complaints. The BPD Policy violation was sustained and the general misconduct complaint was exonerated.
- **Use of Force** – During 2012, there were 37 use of force incidents. Use of force incidents are down (26%) from the 50 reported in 2011. The types of force used in 2012 included (multiple types of force being applied in some cases): Firearm (non-discharge) – 8, Baton (use) – 1, Baton (display) – 1, Less Lethal Shotgun (display) – 1, OC (pepper) Spray – 2, Physical (hands/grab/wrestle) – 24. 25 of the 37 incidents involved an arrest. Five involved emotionally disturbed persons and eight were intoxicated persons. The Department defines use of force as any force beyond compliant handcuffing. This includes numerous situations where a show of force is made by officers but no physical force or contact applied. Additionally, this includes uses of force in non-criminal situations, such as assisting emotionally disturbed persons to safety. Reporting use of force incidents is required of officers and incident reports cannot be approved without an officer filing in mandatory field in the report writing system which indicates if force was used. Additionally, supervisors are required to submit a report detailing whether or not officers followed proper policy and procedure while applying force. These reports were completed in all cases and officers were found to have been in compliance.

- **Motor Vehicle Pursuits** - In 2012, there were **nine motor vehicle pursuits**. These incidents involved: 1) an OUIL and Operating to Endanger resulting in an arrest after the operator eventually stopped, 2) traffic stop of habitual criminal who fled to avoid arrest and a warrant was sought for his arrest, 3) OUIL and drug arrest after the operator eventually stopped, 4) traffic stop where operator fled, eventually stopped and then fled on foot until he was located and apprehended, 5) assisting the MA State Police with a MV pursuit that began in Natick, suspect was stopped and arrested in Brookline, 6) stop of subjects during commission of a larceny who fled, striking a police cruiser and then fled on foot until apprehended, 7) OUIL and operating in a dangerous manner resulting in an arrest, 8) attempting to stop a motor vehicle traveling at 92 mph in a 40 mph zone resulting the subject stopping and being placed under arrest, and 9) attempting to stop a motor vehicle traveling at 72 mph in a 40 mph zone, subject was identified through registration plate and pursuit terminated. Of the nine pursuits, seven resulted in an arrest on-scene. In all nine incidents, the officers and supervisors complied with the guidelines, policies and procedures set forth by the Department with concern to motor vehicle pursuits.
- **Clearances** – Of the 977 Part A crimes reported in 2012, there were 212 cases cleared by arrest, 118 cleared by court action, 59 cleared exceptionally, 8 closed by completed service, 3 closed as in-active and 3 cleared by referral, resulting in a **41% clearance** of crimes for the year. Specifically, 100% of rapes, 61% of robberies, 86% of assaults, 33% of burglaries, 30% of larcenies and 36% of motor vehicle thefts were all cleared by arrest, court action, cleared exceptionally, completed service, referral or are in-active. \*\*Please note that many of the 575 active cases are still under investigation and may be cleared/closed as a result. Additionally, many prior year cases were cleared/closed during this period as a result of on-going investigations.

